

(US \$ Million)

	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Balance of Trade</i>
(i) July 90 1442 1713		—	271
July 91 1301 1326		—	25
(ii) Aug. 90 1446 1906		—	460
Aug. 91 1343 1505		—	162
(lii) Sep. 90 1439 2116		—	677
Sep. 91 1412 1528		—	116

Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta.

Export of Defence Equipments

2720. PROF. RAM KAPSE:
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PA-
TIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be
pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to
undertake export of the items of defence
production in a big-way;

(b) if so, whether there are any agents or
dealers, particularly those in arms trade,
involved in these deals;

(c) if so, what fool-proof methods are
being adopted by the Government to ensure
that export of such items which are handled
by Government agencies including public
sector undertakings are negotiated with
utmost care and are free from under the
table considerations; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government
to create more demand of such items in the
world market?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI
SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Government have
already initiated steps to increase defence
exports.

(b) and (c). Defence exports are under-
taken directly or through agents depending
upon the advantages and requirements of
each transaction. Government agencies
including public sector undertakings endeav-
our to obtain the best possible price for their
products. The commission payable to agents
is regulated under the prevailing RBI guide-
lines.

(d) Efforts to increase the export of
defence goods include policy and proce-
dural liberalisations, marketing efforts
through our mission and by the production
agencies as well as other export agencies
and sales/publicity measures such as par-
ticipation in foreign exhibitions, exchange of
delegations etc.

**Social Security Cover for Plantation
and Agricultural Labour**

2721. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will
the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: